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1. MINECON EXPRESSED U.S. VIEWS ON PROPOSED CAP FOR
SOYBEANS TO DE MOREL, DIRECTOR OF DREE, BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, AND FREYCHE, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
ADVISOR TO PREDIDENT POMPIDOU. AG ATT MADE PARALLEL
PRESENTATION TO CORSON, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY
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OF AGRICULTURE. THERE SHOULD THUS NOT BE THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT IN

THE MINDS OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WHERE THE U.S STANDS ON THIS QUESTION.

2. ALL FOUR OFFICIALS TOOK A REASSURING LINE, EMPHASIZING THAT THE GOF WAS NOT SEEKING VARIABLE LEVIES OR OTHER DEVICES WHICH WOULD IMPAIR OUR GATT BINDINGS. BRUNET SAID FRENCH INTEREST IN A CAP FOR SOYBEANS REFLECTED THE SHOCK THE GOF HAD SUFFERED WHEN IT HAD REALIZED. AS A RESULT OF OUR EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS, HOW TOTALLY DEPENDENT FRANCE WAS ON THE U.S. FOR SOYBEANS, BUT HE INSISTED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO IMPAIR BINDINGS. DEMOREL SAID ANY PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN THE EC WOULD BE ON A VERY SMALL SCALE. FREYCHE ALSO ASSURED US THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTIN TO DO ANYTHING WHICH COULD AFFECT BINDINGS ON SOYBEANS. THE GOF INTEREST WAS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF PROTEIN AND NOT DISPLACE SHIPMENTS FROM THE U.S. CORSON SAID THERE WAS NO REASON FOR CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE U.S. BECAUSE ONLY DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO PRODUCERS WERE ENVISAGED, NOT VARIABLE LEVIES OR OTHER INTERFERENCES WITH MARKET PRICES. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO GET AN EC SUBSIDY PROGRAM BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES. CORSON THOUGHT THAT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN THE EC WOULD BE IN THE RANGE OF 200,000 TO 400,000 HECTARES CONCENTRATED IN FRANCE AND NORTHERN ITALY. (THE USUAL FIGURE GIVEN FOR FRANCE IS 100,000 HECTARES.) THE SUPPORT PRICE HE THOUGHT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE THIS AMOUNT OF PRODUCTION WASABOUT 1.2 FRANCS PER KILO OR ABOUT \$8 PER BUSHEL. IF THE EC DID NOT APPROVE SUBSIDIES, HE THOUGHT A FRENCH PROGRAM WOULD CONTINUE ON A VERY MODEST SCALE TO ENCOURAGE RESEARCH AND A LIMITED FRENCH ACREAGE. ESSENTIALLY THE FRENCH WERE BASING THEIR HOPES ON AN EC SYSTEM.

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